Lincoln Conservation Commission

Lincoln Town Hall 100 Old River Road Lincoln, RI 02865

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010 MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

MICHAEL J. ALEXANDER - CHAIRMAN ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN DANIEL FLYNN MICHAEL GRAVIER MICHAEL MARSEGLIA ANNE McGINN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

DORIS BRAIS - TREASURER

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Alexander called the February 3, 2010 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:45 PM

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None
- **III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Coastal Resources Management Council - - Fall 2009 Issue

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. <u>COMMISSION PROJECTS:</u>

Organic Community Garden- No Report.

Butterfly Garden –Mike A. stated that the multi color maple tree that was donated to the garden by a woman in Connecticut has died. Mike A. asked Dan for a suggestion on a replacement.

Open Space -No Report.

Recycling - No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Mike M. stated that he attended a Northern Rhode Island Conservation District (NRIC) meeting. They are a non-profit organization that work with local Conservation Commissions.

- They work with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the farmers conservation of soil
- Water resource management and the Scituate Watershed.
- They educate on rain gardens and the native plants that are recommended around drainage areas. The
 water goes into the plants and not into the drainage pipes.
- They educated on Non-point resources and the water runoff from roads.
- They have available a Professional Engineer/Civil Engineer for local conservation districts to utilize.

Mike M. stated that the CC should ask the Town Planner if the Town uses a Civil Engineer and the possibility of the NRIC service would be cheaper. Mike M. stated that they have an office in Greenville and a website on-line for recourses. Anne stated that maybe the rain garden would be useful at the new Senior Center (SC). Anne stated that the CC could advise the SC Building Committee on some plants in the wetland areas. Dan stated that he would research some of the

plants. Dan made a motion for the CC to send a letter of recommendation to the Senior Center Building Committee. Anne seconded. Voted unanimous.

VIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

Mike A. stated that he would contact Dave Sale, the acting Public Works Director regarding the Town owned property at the corner of New River Road and Shady Brook. Maybe the CC could enhance the area.

Tony stated that a gentleman called him regarding writing a book about the ponds in Lincoln. Mike A stated that the RIDEM has that kind of information and to have Tony, have this man call Mike A.

Anne stated that she receive an email regarding the annual Land and Water Summit seminar to be held on March 21, 2010 at the URI Campus. Anne made a motion to have all the CC members attend if they are interested. Tony seconded. Voted unanimous.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Anne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. Vote unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie B. Alexander, Recording Secretary Lincoln Conservation Commission